



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT OF THE AIR FORCE GERALD R. MURRAY



Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, and as such, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests, as appropriate, to the American public, and to those in all levels of government. He serves as the personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force. Chief Murray is the 14th chief master sergeant appointed to the highest noncommissioned officer position.

Chief Murray grew up in Boiling Springs, N.C., and entered the Air Force in October 1977. His background includes various duties in aircraft maintenance, and as a command chief master sergeant at wing, numbered air force and major command levels. His assignments include bases in Florida, South Carolina,

Washington and Georgia. The chief also served overseas in Turkey and Japan, and deployed in support of operations Desert Storm and Southern Watch. Before assuming his current position, he served as Command Chief Master Sergeant, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. He was appointed to the position of Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force on July 1, 2002.

EDUCATION:

- 1983 Tactical Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
- 1984 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Kapaun Air Station, West Germany
- 1986 Associate in applied science degree in aircraft systems maintenance technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 1987 Associate of arts degree in liberal arts, Saint Leo College, Saint Leo, Fla.
- 1993 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Gunter Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1977 - December 1977, trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. December 1977 - February 1978, student, Aircraft Maintenance Technology Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
3. February 1978 - October 1981, aircraft crew chief, 13th Fighter Squadron, 56th Tactical Fighter Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
4. October 1981 - April 1984, aircraft maintenance instructor, 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

5. April 1984 - May 1986, senior F-16 Fighting Falcon crew chief, 39th Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
6. May 1986 - July 1992, aircraft production superintendent, 353rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, 354th Fighter Wing, Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C.
(August 1990 – March 1991, production superintendent, 354th Wing (Provisional), King Faud International Airport and King Khalid Military City, Saudi Arabia)
7. July 1992 - December 1994, Superintendent, Maintenance Flight, 354th Fighter Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
8. December 1994 - April 1996, Maintenance Superintendent, 70th Fighter Squadron, 347th Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Ga. (December 1995 – March 1996, Maintenance Superintendent, 70th Fighter Squadron, Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait)
9. April 1996 - August 1999, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 347th Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Ga. (November 1997 – March 1998, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 347th Wing (Provisional) Sheikh Isa Air Base, Bahrain)
10. September 1999 - August 2001, Command Chief Master Sergeant, U.S. Forces Japan and 5th Air Force, Yokota Air Base, Japan
11. August 2001 - June 2002, Command Chief Master Sergeant, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
12. July 2002 - present, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Bronze Star Medal
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster
 Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1983 Honor graduate and Communicative Skills Award, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School
 1985 Distinguished graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy
 1991 Air Force General Lew Allen Trophy
 1993 Distinguished graduate, Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman	Apr 30, 1978
Airman First Class	Oct 31, 1978
Senior Airman	Oct 1, 1979
Sergeant	Oct 1, 1980
Staff Sergeant	Jul 1, 1981
Technical Sergeant	Jul 1, 1984
Master Sergeant	Jul 1, 1987
Senior Master Sergeant	Feb 1, 1992
Chief Master Sergeant	Nov 1, 1994

EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force	Jul 1, 2002
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(Current as of January 2003)